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Decision on your applications

Licence numbers: WA-065-0006-007 & WA-065-0006-009

Dear Phil

We are pleased to tell you that your applications to vary to your existing licences have been successful.

Please read your licences carefully as they are legal documents. You will have to keep to the conditions shown on them and do any monitoring in line with the licence conditions. If your licences contain a condition referring to river flows at one of our river-flow gauging stations, we will contact you shortly to tell you how to get access to river-flow information.

Your abstraction licence will remain in force until 31/03/2037, in line with our policy on setting time limits. The time limit is linked to future reviews of water resources within a Catchment Abstraction Management Strategy (CAMS) area. At the end of the time limit, we should be able to renew the licence if:

- there is no damage to the environment;
- the need for the abstraction can still be justified;
- water is being used efficiently; and
- you still meet the usual legal requirements for getting a licence.

It should be noted that during determination of your variation applications it has been highlighted that any future renewal or variation application must be supported by an up to date photosurvey to show any morphological changes which may have taken place. We do not guarantee that we will renew the licence. We will contact you before your licence ends to tell you about the renewal process.

Your licences are exempt (excluded) from water abstraction charges. Our Scheme of Abstraction Charges is available on our website at [About us > What we do > How we regulate you](#) OR [\(Natural Resources Wales / Water abstraction charges scheme - April 2026 to April 2027\)](#).

We regularly make routine visits to make sure that the terms of licences are up to date and that any work to abstract or impound water keeps to the licence conditions. If winter storage reservoirs are involved, we will normally need to inspect these when they are complete and before any water is abstracted. We will usually inspect existing reservoirs when we make our first visit. One of our representatives will contact you, before they visit, to discuss the terms of the licence. They may visit you again later without giving you notice.

It is your responsibility to make sure that the water you abstract is suitable for the purpose it will be used for. You must continue to monitor the water to make sure you are using it efficiently. It is also your responsibility to make sure that you have any other permission (for example, planning permission) you need in connection with your proposed work.

Any work undertaken should take account of biosecurity risks, and mitigation measures should be put in place. The most important measure is to ensure that all equipment (plant, tools, footwear etc) that come to site, arrive clean, and are cleaned again before leaving site. This applies to all sites, not just those where an invasive non-native species (INNS), pest or disease has been previously identified. Information on how to assess biosecurity risks; simple steps to reduce risks; and specific measures for higher risk activities can be found on the [GBNNSS website](#) for INNS, or for tree health on [our website](#). If you need any further help, please feel free to contact our [INNS and Biosecurity](#) team or our [Tree Health](#) team.

If you have any questions about your permits or licences and/or site management, please contact our Customer Care Centre on 03000 653 000.

If you are not satisfied with the conditions set on your licences, you can appeal to Planning and Environment Decisions Wales at the following address:

In Wales

Planning and Environment Decisions Wales
Crown Buildings
Cathays Park
Cardiff
CF10 3NQ

Telephone: 0300 0604400

Email: PEDW.Casework@gov.wales

You can get a standard notice of appeal from the address above. You must return the notice of appeal **within 28 days** of the date of this notice, and send a copy to us. The notice must give the reasons for the appeal and you must also send:

- the application it relates to;
- any information or reports you sent us with the application;
- this decision notice; and
- any other relevant correspondence.

You must send written notice of the appeal and the documents listed above to Planning and Environment Decisions Wales address above. At the same time you must send us a copy of the notice and documents to:

Centre Manager
Permitting Service
Natural Resources Wales
Welsh Government Offices
Cathays Park
King Edward VII Avenue
Cardiff
CF10 3NQ

You can withdraw an appeal at any time before a decision has been made. In exceptional circumstances, Planning and Environment Decisions Wales have the power to allow a longer period for serving a notice of appeal.

If you have any questions about your licences, please contact me on the number below.

Yours sincerely

Liz Cole
Permitting Officer

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